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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: VISIT OF OPEC REPRESENTATIVE TO OSLO

1. IN MY OCTOBER 19 MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER
FRYDENLUND, HE EXPLAINED THAT PRIME MINISTER BRATTELI
IS NOW EMBARRASSED AT THE EARLIER NORWEGIAN INVITA-
TION TO OPEC TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO OSLO. (AN OPEC
OFFICIAL IS NOW SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE NOVEMBER 10.) THE
ORIGINAL PURPOSE IN INVITING THE OFFICIAL WAS TO EXPLAIN
TO THE OPEC MEMBERS WHY NORWAY WAS PLANNING TO JOIN
THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY PROGRAM GROUPING, THAT
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IT WAS DOING SO WITHOUT ANY PURPOSE OF CONFRONTATION.

NOW THAT NORWAY DOES NOT INTEND TO JOIN IEP, AT LEAST
AS A FULL MEMBER, THE VISIT RISKS BEING MISUNDERSTOOD
AMONG IEP MEMBERS.

2. OBVIOUSLY HOPING TO MAKE THE BEST OF A POOR DECISION,
FRYDENLUND ASKED WHETHER WE COULD PROVIDE HIM WITH BACK-
GROUND MATERIAL ON OPEC, ON WHICH HE ADMITTED HIS GOVERN-
MENT IS BADLY INFORMED. HE ALSO SAID THAT HE WOULD BE
PLEASED TO CONVEY ANY IDEAS TO OPEC WHICH WE FELT WOULD
BE HELPFUL. WE BOTH AGREED THAT AN OBVIOUS AREA WOULD
BE TO ENCOURAGE OPEC TO LOWER OIL PRICES.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: THE DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO
PROVIDE THE EMBASSY WITH BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON OPEC
AND ANY APPROPRIATE GUIDANCE WHICH I CAN PASS ON TO
FRYDENLUND BEFORE NOVEMBER 10.
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